GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MODERNISATION OF BONGAIGAON THERMAL POWER STATION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have contemplated to revive, modernize and renovate the Bongaigaon Thermal Power Station (BTPS), Salakati located in lower Assam either by merging it with the NTPC or providing the required fund as a measure of augment economic growth and development in the backward tribal region;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : 4x60 MW units of Bongaigaon Thermal Power Station (TPS) of Assam State Electricity Board (ASEB) have been identified by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for Renovation & Modernisation (R&M)/Life Extension (LE) during the 10th Plan. The ASEB has been asked to get the condition assessment and RLA studies conducted for these units by some reputed agency and formulate comprehensive R&M/Refurbishment scheme for implementation. The scheme could be considered for financing at concessional rate of interest under AG&SP (Accelerated Generation & Supply Programme) of Power Finance Corporation (PFC).

National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) was not keen to take over the plant for R&M as well as for its operation as the revival of the plant may not be commercially viable.